Bangalore as World Class Digital City

2119. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has taken up 'Unwire Bangalore' project to make Bangalore a World Class Digital City;

(b) the salient features of the project and whether it will be taken up under public private partnership or solely by Government;

(c) whether the project enables Bangaloreans to enjoy broadband in their homes, offices, schools and public places; and

(d) whether the Department of Information Technology will integrate applications and database in a cost effective manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The project envisages an ubiquitous city-wise infrastructure creating an integrated fully seamless wireless digital community at Bangalore. This will be a private sector venture and the role of the State Government would be that of a facilitator only.

(d) This project is designed by the State Government and the Department of Information Technology, Government of India has no role to play.

Vacancies in IT sector due to brain drain

2120. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several posts in the information technology sector are lying vacant in our country as the experts having high technical qualifications are migrating to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of loss caused by this brain drain; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts?